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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: READ/WRITE HEADS TO ISOTIMPEX

REFS: A. DEPT. A-7694 (10/9/74) (NOTAL)
B. SOFIA T-1936 (10-24-74) (NOTAL)
C. LONDON T-15499 (11/26/74)

1. ON DECEMBER 2, 1974, OEA ISSUED A 60 DAY TEMPORARY DENIAL ORDER AGAINST INFOMAG AND ITS WHOLLY OWNED US SUB-SIDIARY, GRESHAM-INFOMAG LTD. ORDER PREDICATED ON FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS: INFOMAG DISCLOSED IN JANUARY 1974 LARGE-SCALE ILLEGAL DELIVERIES OF DISC HEADS AND RELATED COMPUTER DEVICES DURING 1972-1973, TOTAL VALUE APPRO. DOLS 800,000 TO BULGARIA AND OTHER EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. AFTER SUCH DISCLOSURE, INFOMAG ASSURED OEA OF INFOMAG'S FUTURE STRICT ADHERENCE TO US EXPORT CONTROL LAW AND REGULATIONS. CONTRARY TO THESE ASSURANCES, IT BECAME CONFIDENTIAL

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EVIDENT THAT IN MARCH 1974 ADDITIONAL DELIVERIES OF SAME

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KIND US-ORIGIN COMMODITIES, TOTAL VALUE APPR. DOLS 108,000,
WERE MADE VIA UK TO BULGARIA. DENIAL ORDER TERMS PROHIBIT,
INTER ALIA, PARTICIPATION, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, IN
ACTIVITIES SUCH AS OBTAINING OR USING EXPORT LICENSES;
CARRYING ON NEGOTIATIONS CONNECTION WITH ORDERING,
SELLING, DELIVERING, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSING OF
COMMODITIES OR TECHNICAL DATA EXPORTED, OR TO BE EXPORTED,
FROM THE US. THUS, WHILE DENIAL ORDER IN EFFECT, INFOMAG
IS PROHIBITED FROM MAKING OR CAUSING TO BE MADE EXPORTATIONS
FROM US OR REEXPORTATION FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY AGAINST PENDING
ISOTIMPEX ORDER.

2. ALTHOUGH NO EXPORT LICENSE WILL BE ISSUED TO INFOMAG
AT THIS MOMENT, IT IS STILL NECESSARY FOR US TO
KNOW WITH WHAT FIRM ISOTIMPEX SIGNED CONTRACT TO PURCHASE
HEADS. THERE ARE THREE COMPETING FIRMS (TWO US AND ONE
UK) INVOLVED IN POSSIBLE SALE TO BULGARIA OF MAGNETIC
DISC DRIVE READ/WRITE HEADS TO ISOTIMPEX AND THAT US
APPROVAL IN COCOM OF UK CASE NOVEMBER 5 AND SUBMISSION
OF TWO US CASES SAME DATE WAS CONDITIONED ON UNDERSTANDING
THAT ONLY ONE WOULD BE APPROVED SUBJECT TO STIPULATED
CONDITIONS (LIMIT 8800 HEADS APPROVABLE AT STATED
INTERVALS, LIMITS ON NUMBER OF HEADS PER DISC DRIVE AND
DISC DRIVES, PER COMPUTER SYSTEM, AND EXPORT VERIFICATION.

3. FOR LONDON: APPRECIATE INFO REF (C). INFOMAG (USA)
MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENT: "(THE U.K.) APPLICATION DOES NOT
INVOLVE IN ANY FORM, SHAPE OR MEANS THE REEXPORT OF US
ORIGIN HEADS ANDXOR TECHNOLOGY. THE PRODUCT OF THE UK
SUBSIDIARY IS THE RESULT OF NATIVE UK TECHNOLOGY THAT HAS ITS
DOCUMENTED ORIGINS FAR PRIOR TO THE TIME OF INFOMAG'S PURCHASE
OF THE ENTITY."

REQUEST EMBASSY CHECK WITH UK AUTHORITY TO VERIFY
THE NON-US ORIGIN OF HEADS AND/OR TECHNOLOGY
PROPOSED FOR EXPORT TO BULGARIA BY THE UK EXPORTER.
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